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Community donations provide support and family fun



Martin Boire, Chairman of the national organization "Support Our Troops," presents a check designated for the Idaho Guard and Reserve Family Support Fund to Maj. Gen. Gary Sayler during a ceremony at Gowen Field on Nov. 13.

Boire has presented several checks over the past few years on behalf of the organization he founded, Support Our Troops.

The organization's purpose is to provide "morale and well-being to the troops and their families every day, worldwide, at home and abroad." More information can be found at <http://supportourtroops.org/>

Maj. David Darney and his family enjoy a "Holiday Express" train ride in December. Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail provides this free service to several thousand military members and their families each year in order to recognize and pay tribute to their service and sacrifices. Northern Idaho troops and families were able to ride the rails with BNSF on Dec. 3, 2013. Along with Lt. Governor Brad Little, Santa was in attendance and he provided gifts and BNSF provided a check to support the Idaho Guard and Reserve Family Support Fund.

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